

Holocaust Denial

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David Irving born in 24/3/1938 is an English author and Holocaust denier who has written on the military and political history of World War II with a focus on Nazi Germany. His works include the destruction of Dresden, Hitler's war, Churchill's war and Goebbels: mastermind of the Third Reich. In his works, he argued that Adolf Hitler did not know of the extermination of Jews, or, if he did, he opposed it.

Irving marginalised himself from the mainstream of the study of history in the 1970's when he began the claim that Hitler had neither ordered the extermination of the Jews nor known about the Holocaust. He went even further in 1988 when based on his reading of the pseudoscientific Leuchter Report, he began to expose Holocaust denial, specifically denying that Jews were murdered by gassing at the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Irving's reputation as a "historian" was discredited in 1996 when, in the course of an unsuccessful libel case he filed against the American historian Deborah Lipstadt and Penguin Books. He was shown to have deliberately misrepresented historical evidence to promote Holocaust denial. The English court found that Irving was an active Holocaust denier, anti-Semite and racist, who, "for his own ideological reasons persistently and deliberately misrepresented and manipulated historical evidence".

In addition, the court found that Irving's books had distorted the history of Hitler's role in the Holocaust to depict Hitler in a favourable light.

Fred a Leuchter, an American manufacturer of execution equipment and Holocaust denier who is best known as the author of the report, a pseudoscientific document that alleges there were no gas chambers at Auschwitz Birkenau. prior to this, he had been contacted by the authorities of several states in the us to improve the design of instruments for capital punishment.

Leuchter was charged to Massachusetts with having misrepresented himself to penitentiaries as an engineer, despite having no relevant qualifications. Leuchter plea-bargained with state prosecutors and received 2 year's probation.

He has also been accused of running a "death row shakedown" in which leuchter threatened to testify for the defence in capital cases if he was not given contracts for his services by that state. Leuchter became internationally known for his testimony in defence of Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel in 1988. His study for Zundel's trial has been referred to as the Leuchter report since it was published by zundel with that title.

Leuchter's work is often presented by Holocaust deniers as scientifically-based evidence for Holocaust denial, despite his research methods and findings having been widely discredited on both scientific and historical grounds.

Ernst Zundel, a German neo-Nazi publisher and pamphleteer known for promoting Holocaust denial. he was jailed several times in Canada for publishing literature "likely to incite hatred against an identifiable group" and on charges of being a threat to national security: in the us for overstaying his visa; and in Germany for charges of inciting racial hatred.

In 1977, Zundel founded a small press publishing house which issued such neo-Nazi pamphlets as his co-authored "the Hitler we loved and why" and Richard Verrall's "did 6 million really die? The truth at last which were both significant documents to the Holocaust denial movement.

Verrall's pamphlet should not be confused with Barbara Kulaszka's book "did 6 million really die? report on the evidence in the Canadian "false news" trial of Ernst zundel,1988.

On 5th February 2003, Ernst Zundel was detained by local police in the US and deported to Canada, where he was detained for 2 years on a security certificate for being a foreign national considered a threat to national security pending a court decision on the validity of the certificate.

Once the certificate was upheld, he was deported to Germany and tried in the state court of Mannheim on outstanding charges of incitement of Holocaust denial dating from the early 1990's.

On 15th February 2007, he was convicted and sentenced to the maximum term of 5 years in prison. all these imprisonments and prosecutions were for inciting hatred against an identifiable group.

Paul Blobel, was a German SS commander and convicted war criminal. He was the key figure in organising and executing the Babi Yar massacre of 1941. In June 1942, Blobel was put in charge of sonderaktion 1005: the task of destroying the evidence of Nazi atrocities in eastern Europe. After the war, he was convicted at the Einsatzgruppen trial and executed.

In October 1944,he headed an anti-partisan group in Yugoslavia. Gitta Sereny related the conversation about Blobel she once had with one-time chief of the church information branch at the Reich security head office, Albert Hartl.

Hartl said that in the summer of 1942, in kiev, Blobel was invited to dine with the local higher SS police chief and Brigadefuhrer Max Thomas. a fellow guest SS colonel Paul Blobel had driven him to the general's weekend dacha."at one moment-it was just getting dark" said Hartl, "we were driving past a long ravine. I noticed strange movements of the earth. clumps of earth rose into the air as if by

their own propulsion-and there was smoke, it was like a low-toned volcano as if there was burning lava just beneath the earth. Blobel laughed, made a gesture with his arm pointing back along the road and ahead, all along the ravine-the ravine of Babi Yar and said, "here lie my thirty thousand Jews".

Trial and conviction, up to 59,018 killings are attributable to Paul Blobel.

Deborah Lipstadt is an American historian, best known as an author of the books Denying the Holocaust(1993), History on Trial :my day in court with a Holocaust denier(2005), the Eichmann Trial (2011) and Anti-Semitism: Here and Now (2019).

Since 1993, she has been the professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies. Her message is quite explicit about Holocaust denial:

It's anti-Semitic falsification of history

It's lies

It's idiocy but it also hurts real people.